

Saturday's Specials in Boys' and Children's Clothing, Hats, Shoes and Furnishings.

\$4 and \$4.50 Short Pants Suits at \$2.55. Cassimeres and Cheviots, in a variety of neat checks, plaids and stripes, also Black and Blue Cheviots. Double-breasted jackets. Ages 7 to 16

\$5 Short Pants Suits Reduced to \$3.75. All of the latest patterns and styles of this season's make represented; nothing but strictly All-wool Cassimeres and Cheviots in the lot; fit and workmanship the best. Pants made with double seats and knees. Ages 7 to 16 years.

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Two Special Straw Hat Offerings for the Boys and Children.

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Hosiery in neat patterns begin at 2 pairs for 25c. Special lot in choice.

Hosiery in neat patterns begin at 2 pairs for 25c. Special lot in choice orings at 25c, the pair. Feather weight Suspenders, 25c, the pair. Nainsook and Jean Drawers, in all sizes, at 50c, per pair.

## Saturday's Straw Hat Specials.



Get a Straw and keep cool. There couldn't be better weather than the present in which to wear a Straw Hat. There couldn't be better time than the present to buy one, nor could there be a better place than here in which to

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125 dozens Men's Rough Braid Jumbos, with blue and black silk 75c.

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The Houghton Co., 1214 F.St. 

> \$1 and \$1.25 STRAW HATS.

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DOMESTIC SEWING MACHINE AGENCY, 1e9-20d

He Boiled the Champagne. From the New Orleans Times-Democrat.

"Apropos of the hardships of our boys in Cuba," said an officer who saw a good deal of duty on the island, "I'll tell you a bit of a story. Shortly after our regiment went on duty near Santiago, at the beginning of Wood's administration as governor, we began to be able to take a little better care of ourselves than we had done throughout the campaign. One of our captains-I won't mention his name, for he's sore about this affair-was a great crank on the subject of microbes, and took extraordivary pains to avoid their society. He had picked up a raw Cuban cook and gave him the most explicit order to boil all the water used in the mess, no matter where he got

it. 'Boil everything we drink,' he said, 'or

I'll kick your backbone through the top of your hat." "The Cuban promised faithfully, and obeyed the order to the letter. A wesk or so afterward the captain, while foraging about town, was presented with a quart ottle of champagne from one of the ships He was overjoyed, and, securing a small lump of ice, he hustled back to camp and turned over his prize to his cook. 'I want you to get up something extra good today,' he said, 'for I'm going to ask a few friends to dinner to help drink this wine.' At the appointed hour the party assembled, and, after serving a repast of stewed beef and after serving a repast of stewed beef and sweet potatoes, the cook stalked in, carrying a steaming saucepan half full of a muddy-yellow liquid. 'What in thunder is that?' asked the captain. 'That's th' wine, senor,' replied the Cuban gravely. 'I boil 'Im good deal, an' 'e mos' all go 'way.' The guests roared with laughter, and the captain was so thunderstruck he couldn't say a word. He subsequently recovered himself suficiently to grab a cleaning-rod and chase the Cuban nearly half a mile. After that all anybody had to do to get a fight was to say 'boiled champagne.' When I

Fielding Lewis Poindexter, an Oregon soldier, writing from camp at Malinto, Philippine Islands, under date of April 3,

comes quite changed within a week. On the evening of the 24th the regular wards there

Report of Operations by Major Kobbe, Third

Gallant Charges Made by the Volunteers, Who Showed the Nerve of Veteran Regulars.

The War Department today made public an interesting report made by Major W. A. Kobbe, 3d Artillery, of the operations against the Filipinos from February 4 to February 15, of two battalions of the 3d Artillery, under his command. During the entire time, he says, the command had from two to three hot meals daily, 250 rounds of ammunition immediately available on the firing line, three days emergency (travel ration near by), some extra shoes and stockings. He says:
"About 10 p.m., February 4, the battalions

marched from Cuartel, the firing being heavy in front. G and K via the railroad, H and L on a road to the right, to outpost H and L on a road to the right, to outpost line and deployed behind line of dykes in the dark and in the wet muck of rice fields, left at railroad, right near wall of Leper Hospital. Lieut Overton had been in charge of outposts and had repelled or silenced an undoubted hostile advance. This is further confirmed by the wounding of one man in the right battallow as we came up, and by many bullets—Manser and Pemington, out. many bullets-Mauser and Remington-cut-

many bullets—Mauser and Remington—cutting through the timber.

"This fact (the attack on our outposts)," says Major Kobbe, "the excellent working of the supply department and the perfect fire discipline of the command, instilled by much insistence in many drills, appear to me the most important parts of this report

port.
"The command was not disturbed, excepting by occasional bullets during the night, and expended no ammunition. There was almost continuous firing on our left (Kansas) and on our right (Montana), and about 12:30 a.m. I sent Lieut. Lanza to ask Col. Funston if he required assistance. He asked to have a force sent up the railroad to cover his left, which was complied with.

A Gallant Charge.

"The position and situation after daylight were most difficult, at the 'entrance' to three defiles (the rallroad and two dykes) perpendicular to our front-the dykes heavily wooded with many native huts-with rice swamps in between as far as Calle Solis, and an increasing fire of sharpshooters from the wooded dykes, which was only partially kept down by selected marksmen on our side. To judge from firing on right and left the advance there was slow and an advance on my part premature. Casualties began to occur, when at 11 o'clock a.m. Captain Elliot, Company C, 20th Kansas, reported to me and was sent to the extreme right to endeavor to con-nect with the Montanas. About this time Lieut. Abernethy was wounded there severely—he was rejoined from the dressing station in time to resume command of his battery and advance with it. From Battery C the wounded and dead were being sent to the rear fast. At 1 p.m., tired of losing men, I sent word to Col. Kessler and losing men, I sent word to Col. Kessler and ordered an advance—the firing from the Kansas indicating that they were going forward. K and G moved up the railroad under opposition of moved up the central dyke. H and Campany G, 29th Kansas, on the right-hand dyke, sweeping across Calle Soils driving insurgents from houses and trees, the line was soon re-established on the sector ground beyond, and connection established with the main line on the right. I ordered K and G over from the railroad—the Kansas firing indicating an advance on their part, and an approach

the railroad—the: Kanasa firing indicating an advance on their part, and an approach toward us, and held the command in readiness to attack binoado (Chinese) cemetery from that flank, w 145

"Lieut. Kession discovered and pointed out to one a continuous line of firing (smokeless powder and barely discernible) from along the bushes and wall of the Chinese church, directed against the troops in front—probably, al. thought, the Pennsylvanians Dakotans, or possibly Montanans vanians, Dakotans, or possibly Montanans— and asked permission to fire volleys. I sent word to O'Hara, on the right, to fire also. At the first volley some insurgents ran back past the open gate in our front, have proved to be unusually popular—and have made our photos more attractive than ever. They are the daintiest we have ever shown—and seem to be just what our army of patrons want—to judge by the number of orders we are receiving.

If Jiave us make you some photos before

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"At this time I met Gen. MacArthur, who lirected me to recall Battery H from the church, rectify my alignment, and halt for the night. Company G, 20th Kansas, had advanced coolly and gallantly on the right, lid excellent service and finally occupied

the blockhouse.

"The fact that the Chinese churchyard was cleared of insurgents by the flank fire of this battalion, delivered in volleys by tactical commands and from a position of entire safety, can be established by an infinite number of witnesses.
"I have reported so far, with perhaps unnecessary detail, the movement inaugurated on February 4, being of a national and per-haps international importance.

Advance on Caloocan.

"On the 8th lines were rectified, extending from blockhouse No. 2 nearly east and west. At 5 o'clock Company E, 1st Montana (Jansen's), reported to me, and was placed in blockhouse, where it has since

"On 10th, about 4 p.m., ordered to execute advance against Caloocan, previously described to regimental commanders and brigade commanders in detall by Gen. Mac-Arthur. After a half hour's artillery prep-aration, which appeared to me to be too much and too intermittent to do more than advertise the movement, the command ad-vanced in line of squads successively from the left, deploying successively as each squad reached the crest, and beginning to

fire, by order only, soon afterward.

"As the right cleared the head of ravine,
I could see Maj. J. T. Bell, Engineers,
leading a company of Montana troops in
front of the right, almost at right angles
to my front, and advancing, firing toward intrenchments, natural or made. He was on a black horse to the last, evidently leading and encouraging the men. His work was most gallant and was especially cheering to me, my right flank being 'in the air. As he soon marked my right in part, and as some of his men came past me to the rear, out of ammunition, I ordered the two right batteries. G and K, to reinforce him; of under Lieut. Overton succeeding in doing so; K taking up-his alignment. I soon joined him personally, requested him to lead that wing forward, and I took charge of the other, both wings pouring in volleys after the retreating enemy, at long

"There were tee many volunteer alds after the action, but I finally obtained defi-nite orders from the Lockitt, 4th Cavalry, and conducted my command back through the dark to a line which I knew the divi-sion commander wished occupied. This was not done without losing K battery, detached by orders concerning which I have no information.) The line then occupied is

essentially the one now held.

"Tactical note, My line was 1,600, sometimes 2,000, yards long, never less than 800 or 1,000. To control such a line without a large staff of orderlies or adjutants is impossible. Unless the commanding officer is impossible. Chees the commanding officer is mounted and has, the alds or orderlies mounted he is not a factor in the attack, and he may as well remain behind. If mounted, on the other hand, he is a target for the enemy, two cannot see the men lying in the grass excepting occasionally. Our only loss, six wounded, occurred immediately around me, one man falling almost under my horse. This is a serious tactical

for their services during the hostilities, and the report continues; "The rest of the command did its whole duty, as was to be expected, and fearlessly, as our losses, (between 7 and 8 per cent of effective force) indicate."

INTERVALS OF BATTLE.

What an Oregon Boy Says of Philippine Ways and Products. From the Portland Oregonian.

"Saturday evening I visited the hospital in Manila. In these times such a place byYour Sunday Needs.



THE Palais Royal's Saturday program is your Sunday dress needs. For tomorrow wash dress skirts and waists are to be offered at very special prices, as follows:

For \$1.50 Skirts.

The best \$1.50 White Duck Skirts of the season, the panel front trimmed with insertion of embroidery. The picture gives the back view.

\$1.98

For \$2.25 Skirts.

The best \$2.25 White Pique Skirts of 1800, trimmed with two rows of embroidery insertion. All lengths, each with deep hem. \$1.08 for a day.

## \$1.19 for \$1.25 White Waists.

The reduction in price is not much, but have you seen these waists? Thousands have done so and thousands have gladly paid \$1.25, knowing them the equal of usual \$1.50 garments. Latest style, of White Linon, with straight front and hemstitched tucks. Correct laundered collar and cuffs. All

39c. The 50c, 68c & 75c Shirt Waists, in col-

ors, are reduced to

Satin String Ties.

46c. The best \$1 Waists because in colors. All

79c. approved styles.

The \$1.25 to \$1.50 The best "Derhy." Waists are in this "Marquise" and other lot. All this year's

25c Handkerchiefs, 21c.

Dollar for Five.

Tomorrow's special price will attract reg-ular patrons who know the Painis Royal's 25c Handkerchiefs... Superior in quality and variety. Five for \$1.

aristocratic Waists. worth up to \$2.25.

98c.

48c for "Nethersole" Bracelets, all

styles, each stamped and guaranteed sterling silver 925-1000 fine: \$1 to \$2.50 values at 48c for choice .... 70c for the \$1 "Cyrano" Chains, of pearls, turquoise, corel, amethyst, cut let, etc.

### Parasol News.

The greatest bargain news of the year-the entire stock offered at finally reduced prices.

Sunday Neckwear.

21c tomorrow for the new 25c. Pique

\$1 and \$1.48 for the \$1.08 Liberty Silk

Ties, 2 yards long, with more or less elab-

orate ends....10c for best of 121/c Silk and

Knot and Puff Searfs .... 79c for the

\$2.59 for choice of those beretofore sold at DL.Jy various prices from \$4 to \$6.50. All the season's plain and fancy parasols and best parasol-umbrellas in colored silks.

\$3.59 for choice of the \$7 to \$9 Parasols. Some of them are beautiful beyond compare. Indescribably so. Come and see.

Sunday Hose. 25c tomorrow for the famous 35c "Onyx" Black Gossamer Lisle Hose. Plain and ribbed in various styles. Superior because ingrain dyed; dyed before weaving. Note the white toes and heels. All sizes. 13c for 18c Hose.

13c for Ladies' Black Hose, with douwith double knees; Men's Half Hose, in latest polks dots. Best of 18c Hose at 25c

Sunday Vests.

13c for dainty Swiss Ribbed Vests, with lace neck and arms of blue, place and white lace run with silk ribbons. Also Plain Gauze Vests, with high neck and short sleeves. All sizes



### "Kayser" Gloves. The best Silk Gloves, guaran-

teed not to wear in holes at the finger tips. If they do new gloves promptly furnished.

50c, 75c and 98c are the prices of "Kayser" Silk Gloves. White, black, grays, tans and modes the colors. Correct three buttons 44¢ the reduced price of the 50c "Amsterdam" Silk Gloves, 69c for 75c quality, 85c for \$1 quality.

Summer Corsets. 42c temorrow for the 50e Ventilating out. All sizes. Only 65e for Batiste, Ven-tilating and Coutil Corsets, last of various \$1 to \$2.25 lots.

Toilet Articles. DC.

Some Worth 25c. Conclude of 6-oz bottles Bay Rum, 8-oz. bottles Florida Water, Violet Almond Meal. Tetlow's Complexion Powder, Pozzoni's Tollet Cresm, Pumice Store, Tooth Brushes

and Powders, Clothes Brushes, etc.



Children's Dresses.

23c temerrow for choice of pretty little Gingham Dresses in sizes 6 months

to 4 years. And Infants' Slips of long cloth

10c for choice of Pocket Books, as illus-Bags, Chatelaines, Card Cases, etc. Some are drummers' samples, some are "broken lots" of regular stock. None worth less than 25c. Some are 50c values.

### and gauze, painted and spangled. Choice tomorrow for only

15c dozen for superior full-size Palm Institutions can be supplied. Wholesale quantities are here.

7C tomorrow for 10c Japanese Funs. 10c for 15c Fans, 19c for 25c Fans.

Boys' Blouses.

Undergarments.

Ten styles Gowns, in Empire and bishop styles. Eight styles Skirts and Drawers, with unmbrella flounce. Seven styles French

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were not crowded, and those who occupied them, with few exceptions, being sick, rather gave to their surroundings an ap-pearance of gloom. Now, besides every cot in the wards being occupied, two rows of tents, filled with wounded men, extend along the front of the hospital. Instead of along the front of the hospital. Instead of sick men with sunken eyes, emaciated faces and fevered brows, those we meet are wounded soldiers, most of them the very picture of health. It is surprising how rapidly they recuperate. Men who in Saturday's and Sunday's battles were 'seriously wounded, some with bullet holes entirely through them, are walking about the grounds, or sitting around in groups, laughing and talking. But for their bandages, some of which are ridiculously odd-looking in the arrangement, you would never know they were wounded. They are dressed for comfort, usually in the outing flannil pa-jama. The hospital grounds, though not spacious, are well shaded, and nearly al-

ways a cool bay breeze seems blowing from the trees through the wards. "At Malinto, after so much excitement in actual battle, the long, hot days now begin to drag with the boys considerably. The orders regarding foraging or anything inoccusistent with civilized warfare are at the present time being enforced to the letter. Around the Oregon, as well as other camps, Around the Oragon, as well as other camps, outposts are placed, past which no enlisted man is allowed without special permission. Some of the boys, however, have gotten hold of several game cocks, the fighting qualities of which seem to afford considerable enjoyment. Within the limits of our companion and control water river affords us pretty camp a salt-water river affords us pretty good bathing. So, after all, the days pass by faster than they used to in Manila. Occasionally we manage to get past the guards and go out on an egg hunt, which is fine fun, because, besides getting eggs, we can learn about the surrounding country.

About all left now around the bamboo About all left now around the bamboo shacks is the young garden, a flock of chickens and a starving cat; sometimes the night reveals a howling dog. While the chickens here seem used to running wild, with practically no care, they increase at a rate that would surprise even the most successful American poulterer. The hen nests are usually found in the large mango trees in loosely made baskets placed there by the natives, sometimes thirty feet from the ground. The eggs are small, not larger than the American suince egg. Naturally with practically no care, they increase at a

the ground. The eggs are small, not larger than the American guinea egg. Naturally, the chickens fly with considerable ease. "The gardens, consisting in this section mainly of tomatoes, corn, sugarcane and sweet potatoes, and sometimes radishes (a large, very tender white radish), peas, watermelons and citron, seem to have been

five feet in length, with five inches of limb, about a foot apart, left on one side of it. These sections are fastened together, the limb side underneath for teeth, and the harrow is complete, ready to be drawn, being light, I presume, by hand. The soil is a sandy loam, and does not appear especially rich. Though vegetables grow her; the year round, the beginning of the main season seems to be the latter part of Decem-ber. The cane-crusher found here resem-bles that used in the United States, but the rice fan is as crude a makeshift as was probably found in the Philippines two centuries ago, though its construction, in time and labor, doubtless cost as much as latest make of an American wheat fan."

A PLUCKY CAT.

New Jersey Feline That Has Killed Over Two Hundred Snakes. From the Philadelphia Times.

Caleb Kitchen, who lives on the Peach Blossem farm, about a mile north of Titus-

doesn't know.

On the Fourth of July last, when the news of the destruction of Cervera's fleet reached the Peach Blossom farm, Caleb Kitchen said that he never had been exactly satisfied with the name of the cat, and from that day he should be known as Sampson. Sampson.

Sampson.

Sampson first distinguished himself as a snake fighter when he was about nine months old. His mother had brought a new family into the world a week is so before and was out in the meadow lot back of the barn giving her children a romp in the grass. Sampson had taken an afternoon nap on the back porch and went into the field to see what he could find in the way of game. In his wanderings he came across his mother and the kittens. They were evidently in trouble. The three kittens were crouching in the grass and walling pitifully, while the mother stood on a rock, caling to them in her most persuasive tones.

Sampson looked the situation over and his eye suddenly fell upon the sinuous form of a five-foot blacksnake that was circling around the kittens, drawing near-er to them every time that he described the mainly of tomatoes, corn, sugarcane and sweet potatoes, and sometimes radishes (a large, very tender white radish), peas, watermelons and citron, seem to have been excellently cultivated right up to the day of our invasion. Apparently the only tools used are a plow and a harrow, the former consisting of one handle only and a bown shaped beam with a piece of hardwood timber running from it to go into the ground. Sometimes the piece of timber has a person beam to be convenient. Some is seems to be necessary only when 'hard' wood happens not to be convenient. Some of the wood here is so hard that where stone steps are bordered with it the stone wears away first. The harrow consists of half a dozen sections of bamboo, three

irches through, and ranging from four to snake was on the alert, and Sampson, see snake was on the alert, and Sampson, seeing that there was no chance to sneak into the enemy, concluded to mix up with him and fight it out on the rough-and-tumble plan. He crouched on the ground, and, taking careful measurement of the distantial of the serpent. For a period of about two minutes the air was full of flying grass and hair, and from the midst of the confusion came a medley of hisses and howis; there was a straightening out of details, and Sampson was stretched on the grass

with two twists of the snake's body around-Farmer Kitchen, who had watched the fight from the top of a nearby fence, thought it was about time for him to take a hand in the scrimmage, and grabbing a fence stake he sallied forth to the assistance of Sampson. But the cat was far from being dead. The snake was squeezing the howis out of him and pecking away at him with its nose, but Sampson kept his head and had his eyes open for opportunities to turn the tables on his adversary. The chance came. The mother of the kittens came down from the rock to gather up. Farmer Kitchen, who had watched the ville, N. J., has a cat that would rather fight snakes than eat. The animal is turning its third year, and has killed 221 snakes that Kitchen knows of. How many more the cat has done away with on the sly he doesn't know.

On the Fourth of July last, when the news of the centruction of Corvers, fleet out and the lig was up with him. For several the state of the state out and the jig was up with him. For several days Sampson showed the effects of the squeezing that the snake had given lam, but a little careful nursing brought him around all right and he lived to fight

him around all right and he lived to fight many times more.

Last summer Sampson took a flying leab, out of the attic window of the Kitchen farm house. Mrs. Kitchen opened the window early in the day for the purpose of airing the room. Near the window stood an elm tree, the branches of which touched the sill of the window. By the way of these branches a monster house or milk snake crawled into the attic, and along in the afternoon Sampson happened to be prowlcrawled into the attic, and along in the afternoon Sampson happened to be prowling around that part of the house. He ran across the snake, and without any preliminaries started in to annihilate it. The milk snake is an arrant coward, and it was not inclined to give battle to the cat. As soon as Sampson made a dash at it the snake turned tail and slid for the window at top speed. He may have calculated to connect speed. He may have calculated to connect with the limb of a tree, but he missed it and went writhing through the air to the ground, two stories below. So intent was Sampson on taking the scalp of the enemy that he followed blindly in his wake in the direction of the window and a the table. direction of the window, and as the tail of the snake slipped over the sill he made a fierce dash at it, and the next instant he nerce dash at it, and the next instant he was flying through the air with hair on end and claws skinned ready for action. Sampson and the snake reached the ground at about the same time. The fall rattled the snake, but the oat landed on his feet, and after catching his breath he grabbed the snake by the neck and with one crunch mashed its neck to a jelly.

Strange to say, this cat that is continually looking for trouble with such a formidative of the snake has a snake has a horror of rate and

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